(b) the names of those districts in Uttaranchal State where Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been opened so far and by when Navodaya Vidyalayas are proposed to be opened there;

(c) whether the Ministry propose to open Navodaya Vidyalayas in each district during current Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Excluding the State of Tamil Nadu which has not yet accepted to join the scheme, Navodaya Vidyalayas are yet to be sanctioned in 68 Districts in the country.

(b) to (d) In Uttaranchal State only one District—Pauri Garhwal—is left uncovered for sanctioning Navodaya Vidyalaya. Navodaya Vidyalayas are opened subject to receipt of suitable proposal from the State Government Authorities. Accordingly remaining 68 Districts in the country including that in Pauri Garhwal are proposed to be covered during the current five year plan subject to receipt of suitable proposals from the State Government Authorities.

National Curriculum framework for School Education

1171. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two of the three judges of the Supreme Court in their judgement delivered on September 12, 2002, regarding the National Curriculum Framework for School Education had directed Government to consider filling the vacancies in the CABE and convene the CABE to consider the National Curriculum Framework for School Education brought out by NCERT; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to implement the direction of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Two of the three Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court in their judgement had, *inter-alia*, directed the Union of India to

consider the matter of filling up the vacancies in the membership of the CABE. In this connection, the Government has constituted a Committee on 17.1.2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri J.C. Pant, former Secretary to the Government of India, for evolving an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination with all stakeholders including State Governments, for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects in pursuance of the National Education Policy.

IITs branches in foreign countries

1172. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up branches of Indian Institute of Technology in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose of tapping overseas market in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is no proposal to set up Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) abroad.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

1173. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has ratified the UN adopted 1989 'Convention on the Rights of the Child which *inter alia*, gives guarantee for full ranges of rights from survival and development to protection from exploitation and abuse and full participation in family, etc.;

(b) if so, have we fulfilled the envisaged commitment by passing the relevant legislation in line with the CRC which aims to defend, protect and fulfill the rights of children; and